IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION (DAYTON)

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DWAYNE COOPER, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:23-CV-00256
Plaintiff, v.	District Judge Michael J. Newman Magistrate Judge Peter B. Silvain
CARESOURCE,	Complaint filed September 4, 2023
Defendant.	
DAVID TZIKAS, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:23-CV-00260
Plaintiff, v.	District Judge Michael J. Newman
CARESOURCE,	Complaint filed September 6, 2023
Defendant.	
THOMAS CAMPO, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:23-CV-00259
Plaintiff, v.	District Judge Michael J. Newman
CARESOURCE,	Complaint filed September 6, 2023
Defendant.	
TIFFANY STEVENS, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:23-CV-00263
Plaintiff, v.	District Judge Michael J. Newman
CARESOURCE,	Complaint filed September 8, 2023
Defendant.	
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CHANNON WILLIS, individually as next friend of C.M., a minor child, and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:23-CV-00264
Plaintiff,	District Judge Michael J. Newman
v. CARESOURCE,	Complaint filed September 13, 2023
Defendant.	
RACHEL EMBERT, on behalf of herself, her minor child, KG, and on behalf of all	Case No. 3:23-CV-00270
others similarly situated, Plaintiff, V.	District Judge Michael J. Newman
CARESOURCE,	Complaint filed September 19, 2023
Defendant.	
PATSIE ESLINGER, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:23-CV-00271
Plaintiff, v.	District Judge Michael J. Newman
CARESOURCE,	Complaint filed September 19, 2023
Defendant	
AMANDA CAMERON, CATHERINE CUSTER, AND KYLE CUSTER, individually and on behalf of all others	Case No. 3:23-CV-00274
similarly situated,	District Judge Michael J. Newman
Plaintiff, v.	Complaint filed September 21, 2023
CARESOURCE,	
Defendant.	

TODD HIGHAM, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No. 3:23-CV-00276
Plaintiff,	District Judge Michael J. Newman
v. CARESOURCE,	Complaint filed September 22, 2023
Defendant.	

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) and S.D. Ohio Civ. R. 6.1, the Court **GRANTS** the Parties' Joint Motion for Consolidation and **ORDERS** the following:

- 1. Cooper v. CareSource, No. 3:23-CV-00256 (S.D. Ohio), Tzikas v. CareSource, No. 3:23-CV-00260 (S.D. Ohio), Campo v. CareSource, 3:23-CV-00259 (S.D. Ohio), Stevens v. CareSource, No. 3:23-CV-00263 (S.D. Ohio), Willis v. CareSource, No. 3:23-CV-00264 (S.D. Ohio), Embert v. CareSource, No. 3:23-CV-00270 (S.D. Ohio), Eslinger v. CareSource, No. 3:23-CV-00271 (S.D. Ohio), Cameron, et al. v. CareSource, No. 3:23-CV-00274 (S.D. Ohio), Higham v. CareSource, No. 3:23-CV-00276 (S.D. Ohio) are CONSOLIDATED for all purposes with the first filed action, Cooper v. CareSource, No. 3:23-CV-00256 (S.D. Ohio);
- 2. Defendant's deadline for responding, via answer or otherwise, to the abovementioned cases is hereby **STAYED**;
- 3. Plaintiffs' counsel shall **FILE** any requests for appointment of interim class counsel under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g)(3) within 7 days of this Order;
- 4. Plaintiffs shall **FILE** a consolidated amended complaint within 30 days of this Order; and,

5. Defendant shall then have 45 days from the filing of the consolidated amended complaint to respond. If Defendant responds by filing a motion to dismiss, then Plaintiffs shall have 30 days thereafter to file their opposition, and Defendant shall have 21 days thereafter to file a reply in support.

6. Pursuant to the Court's Standing Order Governing Civil Cases (eff. July 14, 2023),¹ these consolidated cases are referred to U.S. Magistrate Judge Peter B. Silvain, Jr. to manage or resolve any discovery disputes that might arise.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

October 5, 2023

s/Michael J. Newman Hon. Michael J. Newman United States District Judge

¹ The Standing Order Governing Civil Cases can be found on the Court's website at https://www.ohsd.uscourts.gov/FPNewman.